

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Clark County Mental Health Advisory Board Minutes September 29, 2004

Board Members: Judi Borchers, Bob Fizzell, Samara Gilroy-Hicks, Randall Kleinhesselink, Kristin Murphy, Tom Stallone, Quan Tran, Deb

Wallace, David Weniger

Members Present: Judi Borchers, Bob Fizzell, Randall Kleinhesselink, Tom Stallone, Quan Tran, David Weniger

Staff Present: Midge Burmaster, Connie Mom-Chhing, Karyl Ramsey, Sela Barker, Tracy Stief

Members Excused: Samara Gilroy-Hicks, Kristin Murphy

Members Absent: Deb Wallace

Guests: Carol Gross (Mental Health Northwest), Gregory Robinson, Melodie Pazolt, Vicki Salsbury (Columbia River Mental Health

Services), Gary Romjue (Catholic Community Services), Pat Beckett (Children's Center), Cheryl Ayers (Family Solutions), Barbara Allen (Children's Home Society), Deb Veach-White (The Wellness Project), Sarah Ruhl (self), DeDe Sieler (CC DCS)

Agenda Item	DISCUSSION	DISCUSSION LEADERS	DECISIONS, ACTIONS, MOTIONS, ASSIGNMENTS
I. Meeting Minutes Approval	The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by David Weniger, Chair.	David Weniger	Minutes from the August 25th meeting was approved as written.
II. A. Manager's Report	Clark County Dept. of Community Services has been awarded a three-year, \$1.5 million grant to integrate mental health and substance abuse treatment services. The chief goal of the Co-Occurring Methamphetamine Expanded Treatment (COMET) grant is to reduce methamphetamine abuse among the seriously mentally ill people in the county. The grant was awarded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The Care Awards will be held on October 21, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. at the Clark College Student Center. Nomination forms were available at the meeting. Nominations are due by October 4, 2004. Please R.S.V.P by calling 397-2130.	Midge Burmaster	
	Midge distributed and reviewed DSHS budget decision packages for 2005-07.		

	At the last Legislative Task Force meeting there was a presentation on the residential capacity within the state of Washington. A handout was distributed with this information. A Legislative Breakfast will be held for our newly elected commissioners and legislative staff to take place shortly after the election. Presentations by providers and others will inform them of our priorities for the next legislative session. Board members are invited to attend.	
	A tour of the Wellness Project facility was conducted for meeting attendees.	Carol Gross
II. B. Quality Manager's Report	Preparations continue for the External Quality Review Site Visit that will take place on October 12, 13, and 14. At the Provider Business meeting on September 6, several draft policies and procedures were distributed for review and comment. On October 1 the Access to Care Standards policy and procedure will be implemented for new consumers. At the Quality Management Committee meeting on October 6, another batch of policies and procedures will be distributed for review and comment. The Consumer Rights to File a Grievance and Appeal policy and procedure is included in the batch. Performance payment points are included in contracts with providers as an incentive to meet certain requirements. Use of mental health specialists and CSQ-8 survey results are two performance payment points. Performance Audits will be conducted quarterly at provider agencies to determine if a mental health specialist is involved when serving special populations. The CSQ-8 survey will be distributed during the months of October and April at provider agencies. A 90% return rate is required to meet the performance payment point.	Sela Barker
III. Partnerships for Youth in Transition	DeDe Sieler, Youth Program Manager, Clark County Dept. of Community Services, gave an overview of the Partnerships for Youth in Transition (PYT) program. Several handouts were distributed including the final results of the federal site visit conducted in July, 2004. The PYT program is a 4-year, \$500,000/yr grant to work with individuals within our community of transition age (14-25) who meet the criteria for serious emotional disturbance. Clark County is one of 5 locations in the U.S. that was chosen to receive this funding. There are currently 45 young people enrolled in the program.	DeDe Sieler
IV. Clearview - Working for Success	Melodie Pazolt, Program Manager, Clearview Employment Services at Columbia River Mental Health Services, gave a presentation on the Working for Success program. This is a five-year demonstration grant funded by the Department of Labor to provide leadership to increase employment opportunities for adults and youth with	Melodie Pazolt

Grant	disabilities. Goals for the program include: Improved employment outcomes for individuals with disabilities; increased capacity at WorkSource to serve individuals with disabilities using demonstration models of service; coordination with other DOL funded projects such as the WDC WIG, WWA WIG; and creation of models of practice that can be replicated.		
V. CVAB	Postponed due to illness.	Donna Roberts	
V. Alternative MHAB Meeting Location	The board discussed the option of holding meetings at alternative locations to see provider agencies and have more contact with the community. Pat Beckett offered Children's Center and DeDe Sieler offered the Youth House for future meetings.	Board Members	Bob Fizzell will contact the Family Resource Centers. The October meeting will be held at Children's Center and the combined Nov/Dec meeting will be held at the Youth House on Dec. 8th.
V. MHAB Sub- Committee Reports	Committee Assignments – A list of committee assignments was distributed. Board members were asked to review and sign up for a committee if desired. Bob Fizzell would like to step down from the Quality Review Team. Membership Committee – Interviews for new board members have been scheduled for October 7. David Weniger and Quan Tran will attend along with RSN staff. The positions of Chair and Vice Chair were determined for 2005. One MHAB member is needed to fill a position on the Substance Abuse Advisory Board. Samara Gilroy-Hicks has submitted her letter requesting appointment to the SAAB to fill one of the two positions. Quality Review Team – The QRT is looking for new members, contact Bob Fizzell if interested.		Add Judi Borchers to Recovery Vision. Motion and approval for Tom Stallone to fill the position of Vice Chair beginning Jan. 1, 2005. Motion and approval for David Weniger to continue the position of Chair in 2005.
VI. Public Input	NAMI is sponsoring a workshop on "Living with Bipolar in 2004" on Friday, October 8, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m Contact NAMI at 695-2823 for questions. The Children's Mental Health Initiative report to the community has been scheduled for November 4 th from 11:00 to 2:00 p.m., at the Water Resources Education Center. Invitations will be sent to board members. If you know of someone who would like to attend, call DeDe at 397-2130 with their name and address.	David Weniger DeDe Sieler	
VII. Adjourn	Meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.	David Weniger	